# ITALY CAME BACK WITHOUT ANY BID

Orlando and Sonnino's Return Announced Before Invitation Was Drafted.

FIUME CASE UNSETTLED

H. Wickham Steed, London "Times" Editor, Gives Inside Facts of Situation.

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Copyright, 1919; all rights reserved. PARIS, May 10,-It is possible now give details of some of the particulars of the situation antecedent to the decision of the Italian Government that the principal Italian delegates should return o Paris. These particulars necessarily are incomplete and can scarcely convey on accurate expression of the situation es a whole until they are completed by he knowledge of what actually took clace in Rome.

In the first place it is necessary to perect a Reuter telegram sent from Paris under date of May 4, in which it was said that the Council of Three sent an invitation to Italy to resume her place in the Peace Conference. It was ndeed intended to send such an invitation, or rather an appeal to the Italian Government. In all probability it would ave been so worded as to make it clear to the Italian people, in the event of its publication, how grave had been the responsibility of Italy in continuing her cluntary abstention from the conference. But before it could be sent a telegram arrived on Saturday evening from Baron Sonnino, in which was something like an official charge of having violated the London agreement against the Brit-

the London agreement against the British and the French Governments.

On Sunday, therefore, the situation was dominated by this telegram and instead of despatching an appeal to Italy the Council of Three gave instructions that a reply to it be drafted for sanction and signature on Monday morning by M. Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Mr.

#### Consideration Suspended.

The draft was actually under consideration when M. Leichorn arrived from the Quai d'Orsay with the news that the Italian Ambassador had anounced the return of Premier Orlando and Baron Sonnino for Wednesday morning. Consequently the deliberations of the Council of Three took another turn and consideration of the Italian issue was suspended pending some mani-festation of the spirit by which the Itallan delegates were animated.

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When, whether and how the Adriatic difficulty will be solved there are no present means of judging. Of schemes for a settlement there is no lack, but the real problem is to find not a halting compromise but a solution which, ten or twenty years hence, all interested parties may recognize as having been fundamentally just.

One of the greatest dangers is that ome local conflict between the Italian and the Jugo-Slav forces suddenly may aggravate the position. Reports have reached the conference, for instance, that the Italians are preparing to march a battalion of Italian troops from Buccari

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near Flume, to the mountains and through Jugo-Slav territory into Hun-gary. An enterprise of this kind could hardly fail to provoke trouble. Similarly barbed wire entanglements and machine guns have been placed by Italians along a considerable section of the Daibach-Flume rallway.

Flume railway.

In these circumstances the impres prevails in many quarters here that it would be wise to warn all whom it may concern that any armed conflict may entail serious consequences for those who provoke or engage in it.

#### Local Feeling Runs High.

Local feeling naturally runs high on both sides. Manifestations in Italy have inflamed the Italian troops, while the southern Slavs are embittered by the wholesale deportations of their kindred from regions under Italian occupation. From Istria and in Daimatia alone some than thousand southern Slavs scoreding

From Istria and in Dalmatia alone some ten thousand southern Slava, according to information at the disposal of the conference, have been arbitrarily deported to Italy and Sardinia.

The tension has been somewhat relieved by the humane and friendly bearing of the rank and file of Italian troops, especially of infantry regiments, who do their utmost to mitigate the severity of orders given under superior instructions by their officers.

This deplorable position may, however, rapidly improve if a just settlement of the Adriatic difficulty can be attained. As regards the question of Flume, the British and the American and, it is beleved, also the French experts are absolutely unanimous. The question has been made the subject of exhaustive study from every conceivable angle. The

result in so far as it is known is that the regime of Flume ought to be some form of free port with guarantees that its trade from the interior cannot be blocked, and that there shall be sufficient inducement to the Jugo-Slav State to direct its energies toward the development of the harbor.

The nauseating calumnies in which Italian journals and politicians have indulged to the effect that the reluctance of the conference to give Flume to Italy is the result of pressure from interna-tional finance have naturally had no ef-fect upon impartial men who have been studying the problems. If pressure of international finance there has been it has been directed in the case of Flumb as in the case of Dansig, against the attribution of those ports to Jugo-Slavia and Poland, respectively. This fact is widely known to those who have launched the calumnies and who have inscrupulously sought to poison public opinion and intimidate the advocates of a just solution in Italy, France and else-

Not an Italian City. The truth is that Flume even in its restricted municipal area is not an Ital-ian city. The Magyar census of 1910, which certainly was not unfavorable to the Italian element—since the support the Italian element—since the support of the Italian municipal party against the Slav population was an essential postulate of the Magyar tenure of the city—gave the Italians only a relative, not absolute, majority of the population, and of these 24,000 Italians out of a total equipment of mendal party of the population.

total population of nearly 50,000 in the municipal area, 4,000 were subjects of Italy. In the total urban area, includring Sushak, which is unseparable from Fiume, the Italians numbered less than 25,000 out of a total of 63,000. The Slavs numbered more than 27,000, the remainder being composed of some 10,000 Magyars, Germans and others.

The reported "Autodeciscief" of the city of Flume in favor of annexation by Italy at the end of October was in reality a manifestation of a self-constituted Italian committee in opposition to the provisional Jugo-Slav Government o

All impartial reports from Flume agree that a plebiscite honestly taken, even in the restricted municipal area, would give a considerable majority against attribution to Italy, while in the against attribution to Italy, while in the urban area the majority against Italy would, of course, be very large. In fact, President Wilson recently received a telegram in the name of representative inhabitants of Fiume and Sushak demanding a popular vote upon attribution of the city and harbor before any decision were taken by the conference. It is, therefore, to be hoped that the Peace Conference leaders will be not stampeded into any hasty or uninformed compromise that might result in accentuating local rivalries and depriving the wide and popular hinterland of the only availpopular hinterland of the only available outlet to the Adriatic.

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# NO HOPE IN TREATY, VANDERLIP'S VIEW

Peace in Europe Must Come Through Supply of Machinery, Banker Says.

LONDON, May 10 .- "There are terms written in the treaty that can bring peace to Europe," said Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York, to the Associated Press before salling for New York to-

uation is the paralysis of production. Much could be said of the financial position in which each of the nations finds itself, but I have come to see that there is something fundamental even in the solvency of nations. There is a direct train of events, which begins with the halt of industry, idle workmen, the cessation of production, want, social unrest, and then the danger of the final act of revolution.

"I doubt if America comprehends the extent of the paralysis of European industry. Of course, we expect idleness throughout the devastated districts is a comparatively small regionbut there is partial idleness throughout the whole industrial area of Europe, in neutral as well as in beiligerent coun-

tries.
"In England more than a million peo-ple are receiving regular grants from the Government because of unemploy-Press before sailing for New York today after several weeks in England and
on the Continent. "The real treaty of
peace will be the plan whereby Europe
will be able to get machinery, rolling
stock and raw material and be placed
in a position to help herself.

"The outstanding feature of the sitment, and the number is expected to

from this year's crops. 'Wherever there is war there is whole-sale destruction of machinery. In the occupied regions of France and Belgium I have seen even far back of the battle lines ruthless destruction carried on solely to kill future commercial compe-tition with German industries."

"Before the industrial cycle is resume n the devastated districts there must in the devastated districts there must be building. These must be rebuilt, new machinery installed and raw materials obtained, and throughout a vasity larger area there is complete lack of raw material and a more or less com-plete breakdown of domestic transporta-

"Further, there is difficulty in the re-

tions of unemployment. Italy is dealing with an army of unemployed. Great industries in Poland are prostrate. In Csecho-Slovakia the limits of disorganization have been reached. Even in a purely agricultural country like Rumania the farmers are without animals and there is not enough seed to plant the fields. So that granary will have nothing to send to its hungry neighbors from this year's crops.

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"That is the situation that must be made clear in America, because America's help is almost the sole help for untangling the industries of Europe. Until these industries are started, until millions of idle workers have employment and production is resumed, there can be no political safety.

"It is not that Bolshevism is rampant in Europe. The sway of Bolshevism is in Europe. The sway of Districtions in Fundal waning in Russia, Its progress is halted in Hungary, but idleness, want and hunger are the breeding ground of the microbe of social unrest. There can the microbe of social unrest. There can be political safety nowhere when idle-ness and want become acute.

"The restarting of the wheels of in-dustry everywhere in Europe is a prere-quisite to security. Partial success in doing that is not enough, for wherever it is not done that place becomes a

situation and how necessary it is to su ply at least the means of giving first impetus to start industry toward normal life in all countries

alone can never save Europe "Europe must be put in a position to help herself. A way must be found to supply machinery and raw material to; every European nation to make a be-ginning toward restarting the industrial

#### process. An effective plan for doing that would be a real treaty of peace." SEVEN DIE IN RIVER.

sizes With Twelve.

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